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In re Patent Application of )

Petter BRAGD et al. )

Application No.: 09/651,127 )

Filed: August 30, 2000 )

For: ABSORBENT STRUCTURE IN AN )  
ABSORBENT ARTICLE AND A )  
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claim 17 as follows:

*SuP* 17. (New) An absorbent structure in an absorbent article, the absorbent structure comprising a compressed foam material which expands upon wetting, the foam material comprises a first layer of foam material and a second layer of foam material, wherein the first and second layers have different mean pore sizes, wherein the layers are integrated so that the foam of the first layer partly penetrates into the foam of the second layer so that there is no clear partitioning line between the layers.

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- [ ] A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- [ ] A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [ ] \$55.00 (2814) [ ] \$110.00 (1814) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- [ ] Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_.
- [ ] Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- [ ] Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [ ] \$375.00 (2801) [ ] \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- [ ] Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- [ ] Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- [ ] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- [x] No additional claim fee is required.

[ ] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (1202) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$84.00 (1201) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					

[ ] A claim fee in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

[ ] Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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